

1 for a shorter session. All we are asking is let the legis-  
2 lative group that has to deal with the problems coming up in  
3 any year set their own schedule for handling those problems.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

5 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and  
6 gentlemen of the Committee, I rise to oppose the amendment.  
7 It is true as Mr. Gleason has said that this particular  
8 subject matter was probably the cause of the fiercest division  
9 that we encountered in the Committee on the Legislative  
10 Branch. As a matter of fact, although from time to time  
11 we had violent discussion in connection with other subject  
12 matters, I don't remember a time when we reached the kind  
13 of deadlock that we did on this particular subject.

14 What the Committee has done, as you may see, is to  
15 recommend that the Constitution provide a regular session  
16 of 90 days with the provision that by a majority vote,  
17 the regular session could be extended up to 30 days and that  
18 a further provision, that by a 3/5ths vote, an additional  
19 30 days could be allowed for thereby in all recommending  
20 the machinery constitutionally whereby the regular session  
21 could extend as far as 150 days.